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Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 2, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting sorghum, soybeans and harvesting wheat and hay. Rainfall in most areas of the state has improved the prospects for crops, hay and grazing crops. More rain will be needed soon to prevent additional stress to crops and pastures. Soil moisture is 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 13% surplus.

	Conditions in Percentages										
ltem	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
Corn	Emerged	100	100	100	89	0	7	27	54	12	
	Silked	5	1	11	6	U					
Cotton	Planted	100	99	99	92		2	14	57		
	Emerged	99	97	95	85	0				27	
	Squaring	31	3	16	11	<u> </u>					
Rice	Planted	100	100	100	84	0	5	18	55	22	
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Sorghum	Planted	96	94	96	80	1	11	25	42.	21	
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Soybeans	Planted	93	84	75	49	0	4	22	53	21	
	Emerged	84	70	65	40						
Wheat	Mature	73	50	83	75	1	5	23	54	17	
	Harvested	9	1	18	12						
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	86	80	82		4	17	33	42	4	
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	13	10	16		1 4					
Peaches	Harvested	8	0	3	12	77	9	10	4	0	
Peanuts	Planted	97	96	99	77	0	1	16	75	8	
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	24	14	32	41					•	
Watermelons	Planted	99	92	95	92	1	4	22	68	5	
Blueberries						26	43	23	8	0	
Cattle						2	13	26	52	7	
Pasture						9	15	35	35	6	

County Agent Comments

"One-inch rainfall received Monday diverted an early crop disaster. Cotton, corn, soybeans, pastures, and sweet potato beds look 100% better after the rain. Weed control chemicals failed during the drought. Clean up operations of escaped weeds is underway. Sweet potato planting is underway. More rain will be needed soon to prevent crop stress and yield reductions."

- Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"About 80% of the county got an inch of rain early in the week, but the other 20% did not get a drop. Pastures needed the rain to start growing again. We had probably 50% winter kill in the pastures this year."

- Steve Winters, Grenada County

"Much-needed rain came last week that improved crops tremendously. We are too wet to get in the fields now, but soybean planting will continue at a rapid pace when field conditions permit. Corn is looking good."

- Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"The bad weather at the beginning of the week left fields with standing water. Some corn was flattened by the wind but is recovering rapidly. More hay than usual is being cut."

- Tim Needham, Tippah County

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